

# GRETCHKO NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

**TOMORROW - FRIDAY - SPIRIT DAY IS BACKWARDS  
DAY AT GRETCHKO**



**NO SCHOOL - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

## **DROP OFF AND PICK-UP STREAMLINED**

It has been a great start this school year and our drop-off and pick-up seem to be running smoothly. Most of our parents and students are getting the routine down and the lines are diminishing. We would like to thank everyone for helping us be efficient. **It is great to see so many students being responsible for themselves!**

The efficiency in the car line allows us to tighten our time frame for drop-off and pick-up so we can claim additional minutes for teaching in the classroom. **Starting Tuesday, September 29, we would like parents to use the adjusted schedule below** for dropping off and picking up students. It is very important for teachers to be able to have students in the classroom and ready to learn at the start of their day.

**Please review the adjusted times for the Drop-Off and Pick-up lines.**

**9:05 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. - Cohort A - Drop Off**

**12:05 p.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Cohort A Pick-Up**

**1:20 p.m. - 1:32 p.m. - Cohort B Drop-Off**

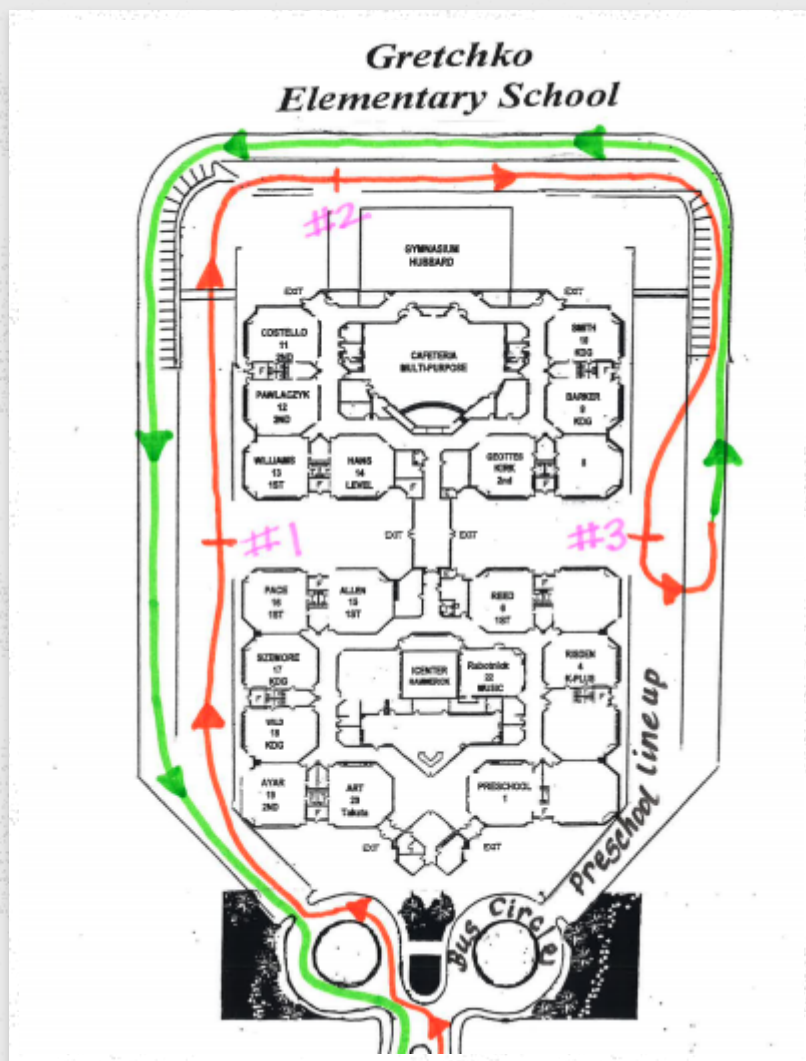
**4:12 p.m. - 4:22 p.m. - Cohort B Pick-Up**

**We ask that everyone be courteous and follow the guidelines below**

- \* Have students **prepared to exit** your vehicle.
- \* Say good-byes beforehand.
- \* Students should have their **mask on** when staff approach the car and be ready to exit.
- \* Student should be on the **passenger side** of the car.
- \* Students should be able to **unbuckle by themselves**.
- \* Student should be able to **open the door and climb out**.
- \* Please **do not pass other parents** in the car line.
- \* Please **drop students at designated drop-off areas**. (see map below)

**Parents are not allowed to get out of vehicles while in the car line.**

## **GRETCHKO PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF MAP 2020-21**



## THE BOOK BUS COMES TO GRETCHKO

We are so excited to be able to announce that our ICENTER will be making special arrangements for our students to be able to check out books at our new "Book Bus". Beginning in October our Book Bus will travel to the classroom at designated times.

- \* Students will have their book for a one week check out.
- \* Each class will have a designated checkout day.
- \* Each student will be allowed to privately check their book out.
- \* Books will be an assortment of titles chosen to enhance relevant topics
- \* We ask that students store their book in their personal backpack.



# BEEP! BEEP!!!

The Gretchko iCenter's

## BOOK BUS

*will begin driving routes soon!*



The newest stop on the BOOK BUS route is Gretchko Elementary! We are so thankful in the iCenter to have purchased over 600 new titles that have been added to our shelves. These new books are just waiting to be devoured by our readers! The Book Bus will load up new books from the iCenter and visit classrooms throughout the week. The Book Bus will be loaded with books pertaining to the curriculum taught in your child's classroom. Various reading levels of relevant topics from science and social studies, along with texts to support our reading and writing units will be chosen to enhance the curriculum. Please see the schedule below to know when the Book Bus will arrive at your child's classroom door. Book Bus routes will begin the week of October 5, 2020.

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Barker Allen Ayar	Sizemore Pace Costello	Smith Reed Kirk	Risden Wild Williams Pawlaczyk Hans

During iCenter lessons on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, readers will learn how to be a good library citizen. It is important that teachers, parents, siblings, and friends model how to treat and care for our iCenter books. I appreciate these good library values carrying over in all of our homes. When students bring home their new iCenter book, please keep it in a safe place at home or in your child's backpack. Students are only allowed to check out ONE iCenter book at a time. If your child forgets to bring back an iCenter book on the class's scheduled day, s/he will have to wait until the following week to check out a new book. The entire staff at Gretchko is excited for our readers to share our iCenter collections with our families and we appreciate your excitement too! BEEP! BEEP!!

*Mrs. Hammerick*  
Information & Technology Specialist

## DEAR PARENTS,

We are so happy to inform you that we are continuing to use *Scholastic News* in the classroom each month. This publication is a very good resource for our teachers to teach about current events. Each year the PTO collects funds to pay for the publication and also collects for party funds. Even though parties will look different this year, the PTO will be planning 2 special activities for our students. They are asking parents for financial support in the amount of \$12.00 each student. Please see the information below from our PTO.

Sally Drummond, Principal

### PTO INFORMATION

Our students have already begun using their **Scholastic News** to enhance their learning! In order to be able to continue utilizing these educational enhancements, we are asking for a \$6 donation to help cover the cost to the PTO.

The PTO is also planning **2 special crafts** for students this year! One will be for Halloween and the other for Valentine's Day. We are also asking for a \$6 to the PTO to help pay for these

crafts.

**Donations can only be accepted via CHECK this year, made payable to Gretchko PTO.** One check submitted with a **total of \$12** is appreciated!

**\*\*\*Please send the check in an envelope to school in your child's school folder. Please write your CHILD'S NAME, TEACHER, and SCHOLASTIC/CRAFTS on the front of the envelope. Thank you for your support!**

Your PTO Executive Board

## **GREAT NEWS! GRETCHKO SPIRITWEAR IS NOW READY FOR ORDERING**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DOW\\_Kf1bTIVDwu43aSbF2R2aZ0v25FUI/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DOW_Kf1bTIVDwu43aSbF2R2aZ0v25FUI/view?usp=sharing)







### Gretchko Spirit Wear

We want to see our Gretchko Stars SHINE in their spirit wear! Special raffles will occur on Gretchko Spirit wear days for anyone wearing their spirit wear!

**To order, please:**

1. Click this [link](#).
2. Once we receive your order, we will send you an INVOICE to your email address.
3. You will pay the invoice.
4. We will get the items to your child's teacher to send home.

**\*\*\* ONLY SELECT ITEMS PICTURED BELOW, MORE OPTIONS AVAILABLE ON FORM\*\*\***

<b>Youth &amp; Adult T-Shirt</b>	<b>Youth Hoodie (no zipper)</b>	
 		
<b>Womens Black Jersey jacket</b>	<b>Heavy camo zip</b>	<b>Lightweight Camo zip</b>
		

## **YEARBOOK UPDATE**

Dear Families,

Yearbooks are a tradition for schools throughout the US and Canada. At Lifetouch, we are humbled to be a part of providing that tradition. We know how important yearbooks are - especially in times like these.

We want to take a moment to acknowledge this year's delayed yearbook delivery is not what you, as our customers expect, nor deserve, from Lifetouch.

We want you to be aware that our primary yearbook production facilities are located in some of the states that are being hardest hit by the pandemic. We have prioritized the safety of our employees; and we are following all state and local health guidelines to create a safe working environment. Social distancing requirements mean that there are fewer people available to work at any given time. These changes have impacted our production schedule in meaningful ways.

We realize this has created a lot of frustration since we are currently unable to provide an estimated delivery time frame for your school's yearbook. Please know our teams are doing everything possible to get your yearbook to you. Shipping is monitored daily. As soon as your yearbook ships, your school will receive tracking information so they can arrange to distribute the yearbooks to the students and families in a manner that is best suited for everyone's safety.

As we navigate COVID-19, our intent is to provide you with a yearbook that your student will treasure for a lifetime. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this unprecedented time together.

Sincerely,

Lifetouch

**GRETCHKO PIZZA FUNDRAISER - ONLINE ORDERS AT  
MARCOS.COM**





## SUPPORT THIS FLAVORFUL FUNDRAISER!

Wednesday, September 30th

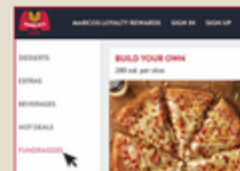
Dear Gretchko Star Supporters,

Order from Marco's Pizza® on this day and Marco's will give a percentage of the sales generated by you back to Gretchko Elementary PTO.

20% of your Online total or  
10% of your Phone total will be donated back to your school.

\*\*\*Please be sure to mention Gretchko when ordering in order for our school to receive funds!

Thank you for your support!!



Order Online

Place your order as normal then click "Fundraisers" under the menu. Follow the prompts to completion!

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5570 Cooley Lake Rd.

**248-682-9700**

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Order Online at **MARCOS.COM**

**EVERY STORE. EVERY DAY. THE ITALIAN WAY.**

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## FOOD ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The USDA has generously provided funding which allows the West Bloomfield School District to provide meals free of charge until December 31 or until funds expire to any child 18 or under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program that is recognized by a state or local public educational agency. Each child is eligible to receive seven breakfast and lunch meals each week.

The meal options for Gretchko families are take-home meals curbside pick-up of 7 breakfast and lunch meals at Roosevelt Elementary or West Bloomfield High School on Wednesdays. Pre-order is required for Wednesday pick up. The order link is on the Food Service page on the district web page or click here <https://www.wbsd.org/departments/food-service>.

Thank you!

**Anne Stevens**  
Food Service Director

West Bloomfield School District  
4925 Orchard Lake Road  
West Bloomfield, MI 48323

Ph 248.865.6733

## TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION

West West Bloomfield School District issued each student a new computer for educational access. It is essential that students use the computers issued for their classwork and zoom meetings. Updates and software changes are pushed to the district computers, and students not using district issued computers may not have access to the same information and programming.

Please monitor your children on the computer especially during zoom classes and meetings. We often see other individuals in the audience. Please help teachers by monitoring background noise and other interruptions of "non" class happenings.

Sometimes families forget that the computers the children are learning from, also have cameras that share whatever is in the background of the computer screen. Also, if there are conversations happening in the area, the voices and conversations are shared throughout the rest of the class. Please teach your student how and why we use the mute button.

Please join our "Special's teachers" zoom meetings through the Special's Teachers Canvas page. If you are having difficulty getting onto your Specials zoom, please follow the directions below.

- \* After you click on the Specials Teacher's zoom link, close the pop up box.
- \* Log in with your child's gmail account.
- \* If the zoom says "connecting" please go back to the teacher's link.
- \* Start again.
- \* Your child's name should appear to log into zoom.
- \* It should now allow you to enter the meeting.

We are sharing some good resources below that may assist parents resolving common technology issues.

Help with Canvas: [www.wbsd.org/academics/classroom-to-cloud/canvas](http://www.wbsd.org/academics/classroom-to-cloud/canvas) or [canvashelp@wbsd.org](mailto:canvashelp@wbsd.org)

Help with Chromebook: [www.wbsd.org/departments/technology](http://www.wbsd.org/departments/technology)

Help with PowerSchool: [www.wbsd.org/parents/powerschool](http://www.wbsd.org/parents/powerschool)



Parents will be able to contact Cloud Care staff directly. They now have a direct line.

**Cloud Care direct line 248-865-6585**

## **WELCOME TO OUR PTO BOARD FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR**

Here are this year's board members:

**President: Jen Amato**

**Co-Vice President: Ashleigh Davis/Stephanie Reynolds**

**Treasurer: Vanity Koop**

**Recording Secretary: Heather Aldrich**

**Co-Corresponding Secretary: Ufuoma Kaplan /Erica Daenzer**

## **PTO LOOKING FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

**Sign up to be a Virtual**

**Head Room Parent!**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084EACAD2CA7FA7-virtual>**

## **WBHS BASKETBALL MUM SALE**

**West Bloomfield Boys Basketball Annual Mum Sale**

**September 25-26 While Quantities Last**

**(Sale starts at 2:30pm on Sept 25)**

**Pre-orders will be accepted until Wednesday Sept 23rd or you can just buy pots from the WBHS Parking lot.**

**Larger 12 inch Pots for \$20**

**Medium 8 inch pots for \$8**

**All proceeds go to West Bloomfield Boys Basketball**

## WBHS ANNUAL FALL MUMS SALE



FRIDAY, SEPT 25TH 2:00PM-6:00PM (INCLUDING PICK-UP OF ALL PRE-SALE PLANTS)

SATURDAY, SEPT 26TH 10:00AM UNTIL SOLD OUT

WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT

IN SUPPORT OF THE BOYS BASKETBALL PROGRAM

PRE-ORDER FORM – DUE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD  
PLEASE TEXT A PHOTO OF THE COMPLETED FORM TO 248-330-3590  
PAYMENT TO BE MADE TO COACH ABRAHAMS VIA:  
VENMO: @JON-ABRAHAMS CASH APP: \$JONABRAHAMS  
OR PAYPAL: [JDA@ABRAHAMSLAW.COM](mailto:JDA@ABRAHAMSLAW.COM)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR	8" AT \$8.00 EACH	12" AT \$20.00 EACH (limited supply, order early)	TOTAL PRICE
WHITE	_____	_____	_____
PURPLE	_____	_____	_____
YELLOW	_____	_____	_____
BRONZE/ORANGE	_____	_____	_____
TRI-COLOR	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL ORDERED	_____	_____	_____

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES AVAILABLE

Looking for something fun this fall? Check out the fall catalog for online enrichment! [Click here](#) to view.

### Youth Empowerment, Movement and Enrichment

Yoga, Drama, Karate, Drawing and more!

### Adult Movement, Professional Development, Speciality and Enrichment

Registration questions and to teach a class, please contact [andrea.foglietta@wbsd.org](mailto:andrea.foglietta@wbsd.org)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Important Dates coming up!

September 25 - Backwards Spirit Day

September 28 - NO SCHOOL

September 30 - Marco's Pizza Night

October 2 - Gretchko School Spirit Day

October 9 - Workout Gear/Athletic Spirit Day

October 16 - College wear Spirit Day  
October 23 - Crazy Hair Spirit Day  
October 28 - Marco's Pizza night  
October 30 - Costume day (No WEAPONS and NO SCARY MASKS)  
November 3 - NO SCHOOL - ELECTION DAY  
November 6 - Gretchko School Spirit Day  
November - 13 Rock and Roll Day  
November 18 - Marco's Pizza Night  
November 20 - Formal/Dress Up Day  
November 25-27 Thanksgiving Break  
December 4 - Gretchko Spirit Day  
December 11 - Pajama Day  
December 16 - Marco's Pizza Night  
December 18 - Holiday Attire Day  
December 21 - Jan. 1 - Winter Break

## BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

West Bloomfield School District

### WEST BLOOMFIELD/KEEGO HARBOR

Dear Parents of Doherty, Gretchko, Roosevelt, Scotch, and Sheiko Elementary,

If your child qualified for the Free and Reduced Meal Program last year or this year, s/he can also participate in the **Blessings in a Backpack** program. This program sends six non-perishable meals home each Friday of the school year in your child's backpack. Its goal is to make sure that no child goes hungry on the weekend. Run by volunteers, there is **NO cost** to you.

To enroll in this program, please fill out the two sections below. The first section gives the West Bloomfield School District's Nutrition Department permission to release your name to **Blessings in a Backpack**, so that they can add your child/ren to their roster. The second section registers your child/ren in the Blessings program and alerts them to any allergies they might have.

Please return this to your school office as soon as possible, or email it to [kathernesheiko@hotmail.com](mailto:kathernesheiko@hotmail.com). The first backpack of food will be sent home the first week of October. If your child is enrolled in Lakers On Line, you can pick up your child's bag at WBHS from 6:30-7:30 am, 11:30 am-12:30 pm or from 4:00-5:00 pm on Wednesday of each week.

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Yes, my child's/children's name may be released by the Nutrition Department to the **Blessings in a Backpack** Program.

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Yes, I would like my child/children to participate in the **Blessings in a Backpack** program.

Child's

Name\_\_\_\_\_Grade\_\_\_\_\_Teacher\_\_\_\_\_School\_\_\_\_\_

Child's

Name\_\_\_\_\_Grade\_\_\_\_\_Teacher\_\_\_\_\_School\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies\_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Sheiko at [katherinesheiko@hotmail.com](mailto:katherinesheiko@hotmail.com) or at 248 521 0074. For more information on Blessings in a Backpack go to [blessingsinabackpackmi.org](http://blessingsinabackpackmi.org).

## DAILY SCHOOL TIMES AND PROCEDURES

- \* Please remember currently all students attend Gretchko for 1/2 day sessions only.
- \*No breakfast or lunch is served at school.
- \* Students are in school for such a short time, we will not have snacks.
- \*Students should bring their own water bottle, as the drinking fountains are temporarily closed.

COHORT A - School Time 9:25 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. (In the classroom)

COHORT B - School Time - 1:37 p.m. - 4:17 p.m. (In the classroom)

## DAILY ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

### Daily Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Please refer to the map of the school to see where your students' class is located. We will have three arrival/dismissal locations this year:

- 1.) On the **West /left** side of the school - Ayar, Wild, Sizemore, Pace, Allen, Hans, Williams, Pawlaczyk, Costello
- 2.) At the **North/back** end of the school - Cloud Care
- 3.) On the **East/right** side of the school - Smith, Barker, Geottes/Kirk, Reed, Risdén

- All cars enter the left (West) circle.
- Remain in the car line through drop-offs - 1, 2, 3.

- Drop your student at their designated drop off location (see above).
- All parents and students remain in vehicles.
- Students unhook their seat belt and open car doors to exit the car.
- Students will be assisted by staff when exiting or entering vehicles.
- Teachers will be present to greet and direct students.
- Students will wait outside with their teacher until others arrive.
- All cars continue following the car line through all drop off areas.
- Follow the car line around the building.
- Loop around at station 3 to exit.
- Exit the same way you enter through the West circle.
- Please follow arrows and directions from our staff.

Please refer to this document throughout our school start for procedures and schedules.

## **GRETCHKO KINDERGARTEN 2020-2021 SUPPLY LIST**

### Kindergarten Supply List

2 packages (1large & 1small)washable markers (Crayola)  
 10 glue sticks (Elmer's)  
 2 bottles of white glue or glue sticks (Elmer's)  
 2 24 ct. boxes of crayons (Crayola)  
 1 palette watercolors (Crayola)  
 2 boxes of sharpened pencils (Ticonderoga)  
 2 boxes of colored pencils (Crayola)  
 1 pair of Fiskar (child-sized) scissors  
 1 box of tissue  
 1 package of low odor dry erase markers (Expo)  
 2 containers of bleach free wipes (Clorox or Lysol)  
 \$5 for individual student supply bins

\*Please try and purchase the recommended brands on the list

\*Student donations are greatly appreciated

Thank You!

The Gretchko Kindergarten Teachers

## **GRETCHKO FIRST GRADE 2020-2021 SUPPLY LIST**

### Supplies For School

### Supplies for Cloud Learning/Home

- Glue sticks (12-24)

- Crayons (2 boxes of 24)
  - Clear Plastic Shoe Box with Lid
  - 1 box Washable crayola markers
  - 1 chunky pink eraser
  - 1 pair of Scissors (add your name)
  - 15-20 **Pre Sharpened** pencils (Ticonderoga work best)
  - Mini pencil sharpener (add your name)
  - Box of tissue (add your name)
  - Bottle of hand sanitizer (add your name)
  - Non-Bleach, antibacterial wipes (Target brand) (add your name)
  - 2 (4-Pack) Low Odor Black dry erase markers
  - Sock (dry erase eraser)
  - 2 packs of 3x3 Sticky notes
  - 1 box sandwich size ziploc bags (girls)
  - 1 gallon sandwich size ziploc bags (boys)
  - 1 pair of earbuds or headphones in a baggie with your name on the baggie
  - Band-aids
- 
- Crayons
  - Sharpened pencils
  - Mini pencil sharpener
  - 1 (4-pack) Dry erase markers
  - Sock (dry erase eraser)
  - 1 notebook
  - Work space(quiet, private)
  - Plain, white copy paper (for drawing)
  - 2 packs of 3X3 Sticky notes (2020)

## **GRETCHKO SECOND GRADE 2020-2021 SUPPLY LIST**

### **Student Supplies**

- 1 white 1 inch binder with clear pocket front
- Glue sticks (12) • Crayons (2 boxes of 24)
- Clear plastic shoe box with lid
- 2 boxes Washable crayola markers
- 2 chunky pink erasers
- 1 pair of Scissors labeled
- 48 Sharpened Ticonderoga Pencils
- Mini pencil sharpener labeled
- (4-Pack) Low Odor thin Black dry erase markers
- Sock or dry erase eraser
- 2 packs of 3x3 Sticky notes
- Ruler with in and cm
- Earbuds or headphones
- 1 spiral notebook wide ruled and three holes



### Cloud Learning at Home Supplies

- Crayons
- Markers
- Sharpened pencils
- Mini pencil sharpener
- (4-pack) Dry erase markers
- 2 packs of 3X3 Sticky notes Classroom Supplies
- Hand Sanitizer
- Tissue
- Non-Bleach, antibacterial wipes (Target brand)
- Gallon zip lock (boys)
- Sandwich zip lock (girls)
- 24 clear page protectors (boys)
- Notecards and bandaids (girls)

